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Letter dated 9 July 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

With reference to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations, which, during its first session, held in April, tasked one of its Vice-Chairpersons, Thomas Fitschen, of this Mission, to coordinate informal intersessional consultations to continue work on the draft statutes of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, I have the honour to inform you that those consultations were held in three rounds, from 12 to 16 May, from 9 to 12 June and from 30 June to 3 July 2008. The results of the consultations are contained in a paper by the coordinator, entitled "Coordinator's summary of the preliminary observations made in the informal consultations on the draft statute of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal". The paper is an updated version previously issued documents annexed to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/63/55).

Many participants in the informal consultations emphasized the importance of informing all Member States officially of the outcome of the intersessional consultations and of ensuring the publication, in all languages, of the results well in advance of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly. I therefore have the honour to request the re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations for one meeting, to be held on one day between 21 July and 7 August 2008. The sole purpose of that meeting will be to take note of the oral report of the coordinator on the informal intersessional consultations and to request the Secretary-General to issue the coordinator's summary referred to above as an addendum to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 137.

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